



PIPELINE PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

Project Title: Piloting the electronic ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme (eACDS) in Viet Nam

Prospect Funding Agency: World Bank

Lead Department: Training Department

Proposed Budget: approx. 50,000 USD

Duration: 1 year (2020)

1. Background/Introduction

Following to the successful outcomes of the first investment project for Viet Nam's fisheries sector by the World Bank (WB) "Coastal Resources for Sustainable Development Project (CRSD)", the WB is in the process of preparing a new fisheries investment project titled, "Sustainable Fishery Development Project (SFDP)." While an electronic catch documentation system (VNFishbase) was introduced to the project provinces under CRSD, Viet Nam's catch documentation and traceability systems currently in place need further strengthening. To this end, the WB team is planning to 1) conduct a study to look at how VNFishbase and eACDS can complement each other to enhance the traceability of fishery products; and 2) support pilot application of eACDS in Binh Thuan Province and/or another project province under SFDP.

2. Goal/overall Objectives

eACDS successfully piloted in Binh Thuan Province and/or another SFDP project province and the lessons learned from the pilot shared with other project provinces and nationwide

3. Project Description

SEAFDEC has introduced and conducted the implementation of eACDS in Viet Nam since 2018. Pilot sites are in Binh Thuan Province, 300 km south of Nha Trang City or 300 km northeast of Ho Chi Minh City. There are 50 vessels from 4 fishing ports participated in the project. Training/capacity-building were conducted for all stakeholders (administrative officials, fishing masters, vessel owners, port officers, buyers, processors and those of the manager level) to provide them with understanding on eACDS and to introduce as pilot project in cooperation with Directorate of Fisheries (D-Fish), Viet Nam by SEAFDEC. This Pipeline Project would future support eACDS piloting and training stakeholders in Viet Nam through the following activities;

- 1) Training on the use of eACDS for stakeholders, including officials from D-Fish, the provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) and selected fishers; and
- 2) Testing & trial of eACDS implementation in pilot sites in Binh Thuan Province and/or another project province including adoption of off-line technology for the positioning of fishing operations and vessel tracking.

4. Expected Outputs/Outcomes

- Stakeholders including D-Fish and DARD officials and fishers from Binh Thuan Province and/or another selected province trained on the use of eACDS
- Systematic and continuous data collection through eACDS conducted at the pilot sites

5. Progress and Status

The Pipeline Project is subject to approval by the World Bank and SEAFDEC prior to contract signing.